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STRASBURG BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Members Present:	Brad Botchlet, Chairman	Gil Pratt, Vice Chairman
	Dale Kaufman	Mary Dresser
	Curt Reynolds	
Others Present:	Steve Echternach, Borough Manager	
	Kim Rubincam, Secretary	

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Citizens' Comments: None

Minutes of March 19, 2026: A motion was made by Curt Reynolds, seconded by Dale Kaufman, and passed unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of March 19, 2026 as printed.

Reports:
Finance Report - The 2026 Finance Report was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:
Spring Tree Planting Recap – The committee felt spring tree planting went well. Dale Kaufman said the residents were very appreciative. The committee was thankful for Tate Reynolds' help with the planting.

Tree Discussion – The trees will be removed from the square, most likely in June. The Borough Manager will give the committee as much notice as possible so they can remove perennials from the flowerbeds if they would like to. He also suggested waiting to plant anything new in the beds until the curb (handicap) ramps are installed at Center Square as part of the stormwater project. The hanging baskets will be taken down and put on shepherd hooks at Center Square or at the office.

Other Business:
Steve Echternach, Borough Manager, was in attendance to thank the Committee on behalf of Council for the work that they do.

Mary Dresser will make a watering schedule for the remainder of the year and distribute it to the members.

The Committee will monitor the tree planted at 55 East Main Street last year, since it was disturbed during the stormwater project, and replace it if necessary.

Citizen Comments: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dale Kaufman, seconded by Gil Pratt, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Rubincam, Secretary